The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" He has got experience of work in one of the best venereal hospitals in England."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Whose are the testimonials, Sir, that my hon. friend has referred to ? "

The hon Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Some of the most eminent doctors in regard to venereal diseases."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the testimonials of the other Indian doctors were examined by the Government and were found wanting ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" All those sent up were examined."

Purchase of hospital furniture from places outside India.

*1934 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any, and if so, what kind of hospital furniture is now ordered from any place outside India ;

(*b*) whether all the furniture required for hospital use are available locally ; and

(*c*) if so, what the necessity is for getting it from foreign countries ?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) Cots and food-wagons of the special patterns required for hospitals are of European manufacture and are therefore purchased through the Store department of the India Office and the question whether they can be got locally is under consideration.

(*b*) All other articles are available locally and are purchased in India.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether any orders have been recently passed to the effect that the cots and food-wagons of the special pattern required for hospitals should be obtained from England ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" That is what I have stated in the answer, clause (*a*) ; purchasing locally is being considered."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether there is any medical virtue in these special patterns and whether they could not be made from such materials as are available in India ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Such patterns as are required for this purpose have to be got from outside. They are not available here."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister examined this question whether these cots and food-wagons could not be made out of such materials and on such patterns, as are available in India ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" That is why the last portion of the answer, clause (*a*), is to the effect that the question whether they can be got locally is under consideration."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" No, Sir. I am asking whether the Minister has examined the question as to whether these special patterns alone are suitable for this purpose, or whether the patterns cannot be modified so as to get these things made locally ? "

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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Certain patterns of cots and food-wagons are required for these hospitals, and the officers say that these patterns are necessary."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that there is a firm in Bombay, Messrs. Powell & Co., that imports all articles necessary for hospitals in India and that they are already supplying to the hospitals in the Native States ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" There are many firms in India making articles and those articles are being purchased there; but these two articles are purchased from Europe, and the question whether they can be manufactured in India is under consideration."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, from the hon. the Minister whether he has himself examined these patterns and found that those which the medical experts said were necessary were different from the other patterns rejected ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The patterns are different. Whether they are absolutely necessary or not is a matter for medical opinion."

Selection of candidates for the post of Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

• 1935 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether recently any applications were called for from medical men who passed their L.M.P. examination for the selection of Sub-Assistant Surgeons ;

(*b*) how many applications were received ;

(*c*) how many of these satisfied all the conditions that are imposed on such applications ;

(*d*) how many of the latter held stipends while at school ;

(*e*) whether any bonds were taken from them that they should serve the Government for certain minimum period under certain conditions ;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that these medical men were in a way assured of employments after completion of their studies ; and

(*g*) whether any preference is given to these in selecting the men required ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 372.

(*c*) 167.

(*d*) 43.

(*e*) No. Bonds were executed by the sureties of these medical pupils as required by the rules.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Yes, if they are equal in other respects to the rest of the candidates.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know, Sir, how many L.M.P. candidates were selected last year ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I think about 23 or 24."